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Dear Friends,

Once again I offer this modest catalog featuring fragrant glads. I am making steady progress in my breeding for fragrance, and an increasing number of this list is of my own breeding. I have discontinued several of my older varieties as I have neither the time nor the space to grow them. My glads are still just a hobby. As a busy Congregational minister, I take my exercise raising glads instead of playing golf. These seedlings are the result of 23 years of hybridizing and 10 years of working for fragrance.

I have tried to be honest and modest in my use of adjectives, however my one business rule remains the same: "YOU MUST BE UNCONDITIONALLY SATISFIED, WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION, AND YOU ARE TO BE THE JUDGE."

Sincerely,  
O. E. Spencer

THE CLASS OF 1950

SWEET 'N LOVELY 441 (46X-N11) PAULA ANN X PERFUME.

This glad combines the blood lines of Picardy, New Era, Joli, and Summer Breeze. The last two being Mibloom seedlings crossed with Mammoth White and Pfitzers Triumph. My first seedlings from a Sweet 'N Lovely cross bloomed this year, and it looks like a good breeder, one was a lovely white from a Diadem cross. SWEET 'N LOVELY is a light pink, shading lighter toward a red dart in the throat. Florets are slightly winged and ruffled, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "-5", 6 open on a medium height, always straight, 17 bud spike. SWEET 'N LOVELY has a good rose scent type of fragrance.

PRICE: Any size bulb \$3.00-No bulblets. (stock is limited)

46X-N22 312 Mibloom seedling X (Mibloom X Incense)

My reason for offering 46X-N22 is that it not only has a good fragrance but it comes the nearest to being a fragrant "Dominant" in breeding of any glad I have used. It gave a high percentage of fragrant seedlings in all the crosses made with it. It is a tall deep yellow, plain petaled 3" florets with 6 open. It makes clean bulbs and is a run away propagator. 46X-N22 is a must have for breeders. If you are still a skeptic about fragrance, try 46X-N22 and be convinced.

PRICE: Any size bulb \$.50

47X-043 Mother Machree X Incense

If this continues to perform next year as it has in the past it will probably rate a name. I am offering just 20 bulbs this year to get a check on its performance for others. It is the first SMOKY fragrant, to my knowledge, to be offered. It might be classed A.O.C. as it is reminiscent of the old John T Firie. 46X-043 is a tall straight strong growing smoky combining the colors of Incense and Mother Machree, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  florets 5-6 open and a good fragrance.

PRICE: Bulbs 1" and up \$1.00

THISISIT 342 (Spencer) Summer Breeze X New Era.  
THISISIT was exceptionally good for me this year and stood  
the heat well. THISISIT is a pure pink self heavily ruff-  
led and good substance, 4" florets 6-8 open and 20 buds on  
a tall slender straight spike. THISISIT has a good and per-  
sistent fragrance. It makes small bulblets in good quantity  
and germination is excellent. A good stock makes a reduc-  
tion in price possible this year.

PRICE. L. \$2.00 M. \$1.50 S. \$1.00 Blts. \$.20 each.

COLOGNE 342 (Roberts) Incense X New Era.  
COLOGNE is a much improved Incense in every way, larger  
flower, taller and more fragrant. Deep pink with cream  
throat 5-6, 4" florets open on a willowy spike. This should  
be a good breeder.

PRICE. L. \$1.00 M. \$.75 S. \$.50 Blts. \$.10 each

DIADEM 460 (Lines) New Era X Vista Bonita  
This is the largest of the fragrant glads. A medium deep  
rose with a cream throat. 5" florets 6-8 open, 18 buds on  
a 48" spike. The fragrance is light and is more noticeable  
when cut than in the garden. I have had some good seedlings  
from Diadem.

PRICE. L. \$2.00 M. \$1.50 S. \$1.00 Blts. \$.20 each

GOLDEN FRAGRANCE 410 (Lantz) Mibloom X Picardy  
Lightly ruffled light yellow self, opens 5,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " florets of  
good substance on a medium tall spike, 16 buds, 4-5 in color.  
It has a pleasant fragrance and is the best of the fragrant  
yellows.

PRICE. L. \$1.00 M. \$.75 S. \$.50 Blts. \$.10 each

FRIILLED FRAGRANCE 400 (Ellis) Sport of New Era  
This is a white sport of New Era and is identical to it ex-  
cept in color. New Era has proven a good parent in many  
crosses and has given some good fragrant seedlings. The  
color of Friilled Fragrance should give it added value as a  
hybridizer. My stock of Friilled Fragrance is a better grow-  
er for me than New Era.

PRICE. L. \$.25 M. \$.15 S. 2 for \$.15 Blts. 10 for \$.25

#### ACIDANTHERA MURIELAE

There is some argument as to whether this is a glad or not.  
It grows like a glad, has bulb, flower and seed like one  
and can be crossed with glads. It has a strong very sweet  
and persistant fragrance. April planting will bloom in Sept.  
Easy to grow from bulbs or bulblets. I will have my first  
Murielae X Glads to bloom this year. My Glads X Murielae  
seed planted in April germinated in October. I'll try again  
to see if I can find a way to get them to grow in our season.

PRICE. L. \$.35 M. \$.25 S. \$.15 Blts 10 for \$.35

The following group on the next page are older fragrant  
varities and seedlings valuable mostly for hybridizing. Per-  
fume is still one of the best fragrants and wins ribbons in  
the 301 class as does Rose Gem in the 362 class. I am offer-  
ing this group at the following uniform price.

PRICE. L. \$.15 M. \$.10 S. \$.05 Blts. 10 for \$.15

PURFUME 301 (Brauer) Joli X Summer Breeze

Perfume is a ruffled creamy white with a rose dart in the throat.  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " florets, 4-6 open on a straight medium height plant. Perfume is a double cross Mibloom seedling and it has given some good fragrant seedlings, one of which SWEET 'N LOVELY I am introducing this year.

SUMMER FRAGRANCE 352 (Zimmer) Queen of Bremen seedling.

A mid-season small decorative, dark rose pink. It makes tall straight spikes, 4-5 ruffled florets open. This is a strong grower, making clean healthy bulbs and is a good hybridizer.

ROSE GEM 362 (Incense X Sweetheart) X Lavender and Gold A medium rose with a large cream throat. Florets  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " nicely ruffled with a waxy sheen. This has won several ribbons in the 362 class and has given me some wonderful 200 and 300 seedlings.

F275-41 (Incense X Sweetheart) X New Era. This is a half sister to Rose Gem. A medium decorative pink with a large light throat. The ruffled florets are lightly fragrant. This carries two fragrant strains in its ancestry and is a good breeder.

338-5F Mibloom X Incense  
A ruffled clear yellow,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " florets, 4-5 open on a tall plant, but the flower head is short. This is one of the parents of 46X N22 which I am offering this year.

38-4F Summer Breeze X Incense  
A deep pink or light red, 4" florets on a medium height spike. This carries two strains of Mibloom as well as Incense. I have some good fragrant seedlings from this. It has been a slow propagator and for the first time I have a good stock of 38-4F.

46X-N27 Summer Fragrance X 34-A2  
Lavender Rose with a red tongue on a cream throat, 5" florets 6-7 open. This came so short this year that I had it marked to discard when I had a tall light purple seedling bloom from a 46X-N27 cross and decided to offer it once more.

ODORA (Nuthall) E. J. Shalor seedling  
Pink with a large red throat mark. To me this has an odor rather than a fragrance but it should be of value as a breeder as it is a new blood line.

CARY JACOBS BOND (Vaughn) Probably Incense seedling  
Red with a large cream throat, 4" florets, 4-5 open on a slender medium height plant. Light fragrance. This should be good in breeding for reds as well as fragrance.

PRICE ON ALL GLADS ON THIS PAGE

L.---\$.15 M.---\$.10 S.---\$.05 Blts.---10 for \$.15

#### FRAGRANT CROSS SEEDLING BULBS

These are virgin bulbs from hand pollinated seed, both parents being fragrant. Percentages will not be furnished as these are from odd lots of seed or unnamed fragrant seedlings. These bulbs will run about equal parts of 5's, 6's and 7's. I have been agreeably surprised at the interest in these bulbs and so have produced a larger stock for sale this year. Former buyers have reported good results.

Save yourself two years work.

PRICE: 12 for \$1.00      100 for \$6.50

#### FRAGRANT CROSS SEED

These are hand pollinated seed, both parents being fragrant and are the seed from which I will grow the bulbs listed above for next years sale. Percentages cannot be furnished but many are from pollen of best varieties crossed on seedlings that were from bulbs too small to judge for other than fragrance. Former customers have been pleased with results from these seed.

PRICE selected seed 12 for \$.25      100 for \$1.50

#### WHITE RIBBON 200 ( My 1949 introduction )

WHITE RIBBON is a definite comer in the 200 class. It won a blue in Pennsylvania and in Illinois last year for my customers. A West Coast grower rated it A plus. I had bad luck with my stock of WHITE RIBBON this year as I found a slight mixture in it. Therefore I must limit my sales this year to bulbs 1" and up to assure pure stock. I expect the demand for WHITE RIBBON to exceed the supply for at least 5 years. I have had 4 commercial growers inquire for planting stock but cannot supply them this year.

WHITE RIBBON is a natural 200. Pure white, lightly ruffled 3" florets, 6 open, 6 in color, on a slender straight stem. It makes large bulblets that germinate easily.

PRICE: Bulbs 1" and up \$1.00 (Stock is limited)

#### PINK RIBBON 240

This was my first introduction and it still wins most of the ribbons in the 240 class. It is so well known it hardly needs a description. It is an early light pink with red dusting on a cream throat. 6 open, 6 in color on a tall slender straight stem.

PRICE: L. \$.15 M. \$.10 S. \$.05 Blts. 10 for \$.15

#### YELLOW RIBBON 210

This little glad was slow catching on but this year I have all ready sold all the planting stock I can spare to growers. Yellow Ribbon is a midseason light yellow, 8-10 open in formal double row placement on a straight medium height stem. It makes well balanced little spikes from small bulbs that look like daffodils in a bouquet. If you like the little ones be sure to try YELLOW RIBBON.

PRICE: L. \$.15 M. \$.10 S. \$.05 Blts. 10 for \$.15

#### JUNE SCARLET 436

An extra early commercial scarlet. I have sold close on this glad every year so stock is still relatively limited. JUNE SCARLET makes 5" florets, 5-6 open, on a 50" spike that is always straight. June Scarlet is not a show glad but is in demand for a first early cut flower scarlet.

PRICE: L. \$.25 M. \$.15 S. 2 for \$.15 Blts. 10 for \$.25

### RELIABLE 540

RELIABLE is one of the strongest growing most dependable glads I have ever grown. It deserves to be better known. It is a pure dark pink with a dusting of red deep in the throat.  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " florets under field conditions, florets slightly winged which makes it appear larger, 6 open 6 in color on a strong straight stem.

PRICE: L. \$1.00 M. \$.75 S. \$.50 Blts. \$.10

I have grown the following Winston Roberts originations and can recommend them without any reservation. I have a small surplus stock of these and am offering them to my customers.

BOISE BELL 343 Striking yellow and pink 10-12  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " ruffled florets open on a 22 bud spike.

PRICE: L. \$2.00 M. \$1.50 S. \$1.00 Blts. \$.20

JUNE DAY 441 Extra early light pink with a cherry dart in the throat. This is a good first early cut flower.

PRICE: L. \$.75 M. \$.50 S. \$.30 Blts. 4 for \$.25

RED CHERRY 450 This is my favorite light red. An early soft scarlet, 5" florets, 7 open. An all around good glad.

PRICE: L. \$.75 M. \$.50 S. \$.30 Blts. 3 for \$.20

SEA SHELL 540 A midseason large light pink with a white throat, 6 large ruffled florets open on a tall spike.

PRICE : L. \$1.00 M. \$.75 S. \$.50 Blts. \$.10

SUN SPOT 417 A great prize winner in this class. An apricot buff, 8-10 open on a tall strong plant.

PRICE: L. \$.75 M. \$.50 S. \$.30 Blts. 3 for \$.20

WHITE GODDESS 500 I consider this the best 500 glad. A tall strong grower 7-8 open,  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " florets, tall straight stem.

PRICE: L. \$1.00 M. \$.75 S. \$.50 Blts. \$.10

All orders are prepaid anywhere in the U.S.A. 10 bulbs of size and kind at 8 times the price of one; 5 bulbs at the ten rate.

Orders up to \$5.00 net. \$5.00 to \$10.00, 10% discount. \$10.00 to \$20.00, 15% discount. I do not issue a wholesale list, but if you are interested in planting stocks of any of the above, I will be glad to quote prices. The stock on most of these is still small as I am not equipped to raise by the thousand.

All of these bulbs have been state inspected both in the field and in storage. All bulbs are dusted with DDT at cleaning time.

THESE BULBS ARE GUARANTEED. YOU MUST BE UNCONDITIONALLY SATISFIED, WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION, AND YOU ARE TO BE THE JUDGE.

